

ABSTRACT

A wireless multi-user hands-free gateway particularly suited for a vehicle. The wireless hands-free gateway is capable of wireless operation with any of a plurality of wireless phones established on a piconet network (e.g., a BLUETOOTH™ standard piconet network) within the vehicle. In the disclosed embodiments, the wireless multi-user hands-free gateway automatically identifies users within range, and preferably gives priority use to the user detected or otherwise identified to be the driver of the vehicle. All passengers other than the driver may be similarly prioritized and given access on a first come-first served basis.